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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Monday, August 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	September 18, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Mucha, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding
Kyla Gleockler, Public Member **Vice President**
Linda Brittingham, Professional Member
Dajoun Sewell, Public Member, **Secretary**

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III
David Mangler, Division Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daphne Warner, Professional Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Marlene Saunders, National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter
Michael Francum, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Delaware Chapter
Sondra Satterfield, Delaware Hospice
Dr. Eleanor M. Kiesel, Delaware State University
Dr. Sheridan Kingsberry, Delaware State University, National Association of Social Workers
Ray Fitzgerald, Director of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services
Dr. Chavon Dottin, Delaware State University, National Association of Social Workers
Tiffany Patterson
Tiffany Showells
Cheryl Chambers
Precious Benson

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mucha called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes for the June 19, 2017 meeting. Mr. Mucha advised that the DAG for the June meeting was Ms. Davis, not Ms. Kelly. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Gleockler, to approve the June minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. Mucha advised that a new public member has been appointed to the Board, which fills the public vacancy of the Board. There is currently a professional member vacancy on the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

JSC Legislative bill update

Ms. Kelly provided the legislative update regarding the legislative bill for multi-tier licensure. She advised that it was advised by Ms. Van Wagner that “basic level” and “entry level” need to be clearly defined.

There will be a new statutory section specifically delegated to telehealth at the end of the new legislative bill.

The language regarding quorum is a more substantive change. Currently the language states that quorum is a majority of the members, i.e. have 7 members, a quorum is 4 members, no matter how many members are appointed to the Board at one time.

Revocation in the Board’s current law is not permanent, which means that the licensee can apply again for licensure. Permanent revocation means the licensee can never obtain a license again. The Board agreed to change the language to only have suspension and permanent revocation in the new legislative bill.

It was suggested to limit the time frame for a criminal conviction. The Board agreed to limit the time frame to 10 years prior for a criminal conviction.

The Board will draft the language to define person-in-environment. The Board will have a red-lined draft of the updated draft bill in September for their review.

The Board opened the floor for public comment.

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board and state that she is pleased with the revisions made and accepted to the language in the drafted legislative bill. She advised that the DE Chapter of NASW can assist with the development of the definition for entry level, which typically refers to the person with the BSW degree and advanced level referring to the person with the MSW degree. Dr. Saunders also stated that the State of Connecticut’s law has a definition of human behavior in a social environment that was adopted by NASW.

Ray Fitzgerald, Director of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, addressed the Board and stated that he is very pleased with the drafted legislation. He referenced the five year exemption language. Ms. Kelly clarified that anyone in the State working as a SW is exempt; however for anyone that is hired after enactment of this legislation, then he or she will have five years to obtain a license. Mr. Fitzgerald also inquired about collective bargaining agreements and how those correlate to the new drafted legislation.

Mr. Mangler stated that OMB/HR is aware of the collective bargaining issue and that there is nothing that the Board needs to negotiate on this matter. Collective bargaining will be between the State and the Union reps.

Dr. Saunders's introduced Michael Francum, Executive Director of NASW, Dr. Eleanor Kiesel, DSU, and Dr. Chavon Dottin, Director of Field Study at DSU, to the Board and addressed Mr. Fitzgerald on licensure requirement as it pertains to the bill.

Dr. Dottin address the Board and inquired if the title could be changed for those individuals who call themselves social workers but have no social work degree. Ms. Kelly responded that the title cannot be changed as the title depends on what type of work is being performed.

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board to provide her public comment by reading her letter to regarding the Board's current drafted legislation for multi-tier licensure on behalf of NASW-DE.

Review and Consider the CEs for Christine Caputo per her Consent Agreement

The Board reviewed and considered the continuing education submitted by Ms. Caputo per her consent agreement. Ms. Kelly advised that Ms. Caputo's CEs meet the requirements per her consent agreement. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham, to accept Ms. Caputo's CEs as submitted. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Ms. Williams will add Ms. Caputo to the October agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Application(s) to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded Ms. Gleockler by to ratify the below applications to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Karen Ayala	Tamie Delforte-Pappas	Sharon Kimber	LaTounuia Knox
Philanda Mindler	Hannah Rodriguez	Fayth Polite	Rajvinder Thiara
Kietra Winn	Kea Mason-Johnson	Amy Hostetter	Helen Turkel

Ratification of Application(s) by Reciprocity

Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham, to ratify the below applications for licensure by reciprocity. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mary Cadman	Lisa Lincoln	Amber Merefield
Lynn Johnson	Gail Guenneville	

Review of Application(s) by Reapplication

There were no reapplications for the Board to review.

Status of Complaints

Complaint #31-09-16 – Closed by the Investigator

Review of 2017 audits received

The Board reviewed the following audits received for approval, denial, or deficiencies:

Jodi Fletcher	Joan Fletcher	Julie James	Amber Veet
Richard Bell, III	Ronald Wolskee	Mariann Wolskee	Sonya Williams
Jessica Whisler	Doribeth Westfall	Teresa Tipton	Gail Tolpin
Terri Turchan	Kathryn Nichols	David Sparrow	Jennifer Stevenson
Georgianne Sheehy			

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the Board to review or discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

Ms. Williams welcomed the new public Board member, Precious Benson, who will be attending as an official member of the Board in September. Ms. Williams reminded the Board that in September they will be hearing a disciplinary case that could take majority of the day therefore to clear their schedules that day to ensure the Board does not lose a quorum. Ms. Kelly advised the Board that the hearing could possible take all of their day depending on the circumstances of the case.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Sewell moved, seconded by Ms. Brittingham to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Williams
Administrative Specialist III
Delaware Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.